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Hon. Assistant Secretary and Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sirs:

Priority

GROUP 3204

Applicant claims priority based upon Swiss Application No. 02 006/92-0 filed June 25, 1992 and PCT Application No. PCT/CH93/00101 filed April 19, 1993. The PCT application included a claim for priority based upon the Swiss application. A claim for priority based on both applications was made in the parent U.S. Application Serial No. 08/612,212 filed March 6, 1996.